

Minutes of a meeting of LIANZA Otago/Southland Committee held at the Blueskin Bay Library, 14 October 2004

Present: Mark Hughes (Chair), Ian Stewart, Paula Murdoch, Mike Collett, Louise Sherriff, Lynne Morrison, Pam Treanor, Philip van Zijl

Apologies: Richard Wartho

Minutes of the meeting held 16 September 2004: were accepted.
(Mark/Louise)

Correspondence: Owing to other commitments, Richard Wartho had tendered his resignation from the Committee with regret. [Paula will acknowledge].

The possibility of co-opting a member to join the Committee from Clutha, Gore (when appointments have been made) or Invercargill was raised.

An updated membership list will be tabled at the next meeting. Increasing the region's membership will be a focus over the next year.

Ian mentioned that Council is looking at the possibility of doing away with institutional memberships, amongst a range of other options.

Financial: Mike presented the balances of the accounts:

Cheque account \$1164.79 as at 27 September

Bonus saver \$3358.85 as at 30 September

Clarification was sought on the process of paying accounts – whether these are to be paid by listing and seeking approval to pay at each meeting, or by presenting a list of accounts paid at each meeting.

Council is looking at the implications of there no longer being a requirement for regions and SIGs to have their accounts audited annually. It was agreed that the process of seeking approval from each meeting would be preferable.

Expenditure on the following was approved:

CDROM pack (Dick Smith)	\$20.25	} Mobile Librarian's CDROM project
Courier costs to Auckland	\$8.65	
Gillian Porteous (3.5 hrs @ \$80/hr)	\$280.00	

September event catering costs \$24.53

Card \$3.95

Postage \$0.45

Lucy Bradley had also been in contact regarding the ALIA New Librarian's Symposium funding. There was some discussion as to whether the sponsorship arrangement was to cover the total cost of registration, airfares and three nights' accommodation, or whether sponsorship was to the value of NZ\$1000 only. Mike agreed to establish the total cost from Lucy and this could then be funded from the current account. (Mike/Mark).

Councillor's report: Ian had chaired the meeting on 7 October of Council with Regional Chairs and SIG Convenors in Auckland. The meeting had proved very useful professionally, with a renewed sense of solidarity prevailing. An email list of all contacts would be set up and meetings would be held at least 1-2 times annually to continue the momentum, although the associated travel costs and imposition on employers was acknowledged.

The next Council meeting is 25 November and may possibly be held as a teleconference. Rob Arlidge, the Business Development Manager, will present the Business Plan.

It was also acknowledged that while the new fee structure has given a lift to membership numbers, the casualty has been the print publication of *Library Life*.

Centennial publication: No further news at present, with Lyn Macleod and Alan Richardson assisting Ian on this. Mark suggested that Stuart Strachan, the Hocken Librarian, might be a useful contact as he is at present editing a book on Blueskin Bay and also a publication on Thomas Hocken, due out in 2007.

General business: Lorraine Weston-Webb, the Port Chalmers Librarian, would be delighted to host the November Event. It was agreed to start the evening off with a visit to the Port Chalmers Library, with a tour and talk provided by Lorraine. The Library has adjacent catering facilities and a catered meal (preferably supporting local business) with a short quiz would follow. Partners welcome. Costs would be decided by email discussion. The date was set for Friday 26 November, from 6pm.

Alan Richardson's brother had recently passed away. [Paula will organise a card].

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 11 November at the Bill Robertson Library [later changed to 11am, Thursday 4 November at the Bill Robertson Library].

The meeting closed at 10.40am.